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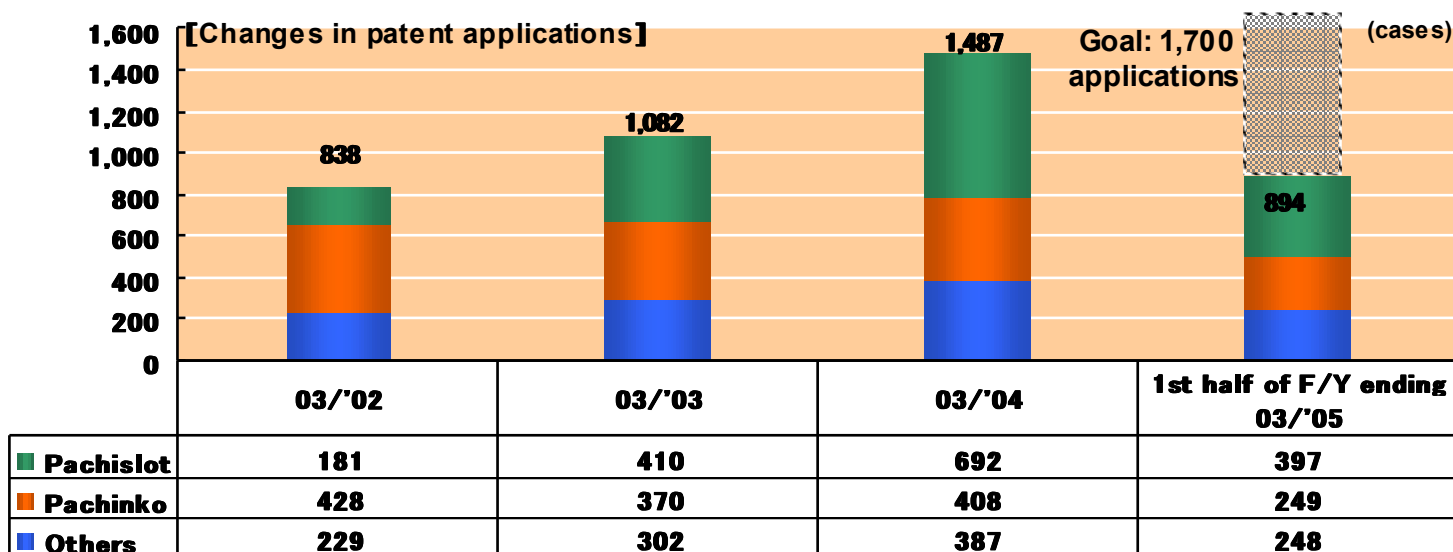
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Patent Applications

Application Policy

- Improvement of added value on our own products
(appealing features that any competitor does not have)
- Applications anticipating future product development
- Patent rights of technologies to be the core in the industry

- 894 patent applications were completed in the 1st half of the current fiscal year, compared to the annual goal of 1,700 applications.
- We will internally solicit ideas/proposals for patent applications by holding study groups for the Research & Development Division, and build a system to accept annually 2,000 invention proposals. (The 1st half of the current fiscal year recorded 891 proposals.)



※03/'05 shows actual applications for the 1st half (Apr. ~Sep.)